Village of North Henderson **Trustee Meeting** January 11, 2024 6:30pm at Floral Hall

The Village of North Henderson Trustee Meeting for January 11, 2024 was called to order at 6:30pm by President Carol Rogers with a roll call

#### **ROLL CALL:**

Present: Trustee's Diane Brown, Karin Simkins and Cheryl Stevens

Also Present: President Carol Rogers, Treasurer Gary Whitcomb and Clerk Melody Hall

Visiting: Jim Tucker

Absent: Trustee's Angie Chandlee and Christian Spahr

President Rogers stated we have a quorum we will precede.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

With no announcements, President Rogers stated we will proceed with the minutes

Trustee Brown made a motion to accept the minutes as presented, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Simkins. All in favor, motion carried.

## TREASURER'S REPORT

Trustee Brown made a motion to accept the treasurer's report, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Stevens. All in favor, motion carried.

#### **BILLS**

Trustee Simkins made a motion to pay the bills, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Brown. All in favor, motion carried.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

# Water Bills/ Ordinance

President Rogers commented Trustee Spahr was doing some investigating, but is not present to give his results. President Rogers stated the insurance company contacted her about the claim that was submitted. None of the claim was covered due to it being wear and tear on the pipes. President Rogers commented with that said she feels the water bills should stay the same. Treasurer Whitcomb stated he has done some research and with what he found the water bills may need to be raised, due to the increase in the bills and maintenance. Treasurer Whitcomb stated as of right now the village is okay.

Trustee Stevens made a motion to table the water bills until next month, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Simkins. All in favor motion carried.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

## Water House

President Rogers stated she wanted the board to be aware of the fact the insurance did not pay the claim, so the funds for the repairs came from the water fund. Trustee Brown asked how much the bill was. Treasurer Whitcomb answered around \$30,000.00. Treasurer Whitcomb explained included in the total were other bills from Tony's that they had done. President Rogers stated also with the water house the EPA has suggested several times the village get a 2<sup>nd</sup> well. They are starting to crack down on the village's that do not have a 2<sup>nd</sup> well and other recommendations. President Rogers turned the floor over to Clerk Hall since she spoke to Bob Shull and others about a report the EPA has sent out. Clerk Hall stated she has a copy of the Source Water Protection Report. It is just a template of some of the questions that are being asked. Clerk Hall stated when talking to Bob he stated the report is such a detailed report it must be done by an engineer; it is not one that he could do. He stated the EPA wants all villages that only have one water source to have plans of action to have a second water source. Clerk Hall stated this report must be done by July 31, 2024. Clerk Hall continued to state Bob gave her a name of John Kusek from IMEG. He quoted \$7500.00 to do the report. She also spoke to Kevin from Bruner, Cooper and Zook, since they have done all engineer work for the village. Kevin quoted \$7000.00 to do the report. Clerk Hall stated she was told by both this report involves: a lot of data research, an onsite investigation and doing the report itself. Clerk Hall explained when they do they must do it in their own words; they cannot just fill in the template. The engineer will also file the report and answer any questions from the EPA.

Trustee Brown made a motion to have Kevin from Bruner, Cooper and Zook do the report for \$7,000.00 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Stevens. All in favor, motion carried.

#### **Snow Plowing**

President Rogers stated Ron Brown has been plowing the village streets for years with little pay, and he does a great job. President Rogers commented she heard that he pays to have his own driveway clean off. President Rogers stated he also does a lot for the village; he helps her out at times, even though he is not the mayor. President Rogers suggested the board allows Ron to plow his own driveway for free when he's plowing the streets.

Trustee Stevens made a motion to allow Ron to plow his driveway for free, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Simkins. All in favor, Trustee Brown abstained, President Rogers made the 3<sup>rd</sup> vote, motion carried.

Trustee Brown stated they will begin next year since they paid a flat amount for the whole winter.

#### Easter Egg Hunt

President Rogers turned the floor over to Clerk Hall. Clerk Hall stated while doing this year's holiday schedule she noticed Easter is March 31st. Clerk Hall continued to state she called Alexis and they are no longer having the Easter Egg Hunt. Clerk Hall commented by putting it on the agenda this month so if the board wants to have the Easter Egg Hunt; it gives all of February and most of March to get donations. Last year it was last minute and only a few people were able to donate. Clerk Hall informed the board Saturday the 30<sup>th</sup> was the closest date. Trustee Brown suggested Saturday the March 23<sup>rd</sup> with Saturday the 30<sup>th</sup> for a rain date. Even though last year it was wet and cold there was still a lot of kids that came, nicer weather there may be more. Trustee Brown commented she would help but would not run it. It was suggested to ask Trustee Chandlee if she would like to head it up. Clerk Hall stated she would be willing to help her in any way.

Trustee Brown made a motion to have the Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday March 23, 2024 with a rain date of Saturday March 30, 2024, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Simkins. All in favor motion carried.

## Village Holiday Schedule

President Rogers stated Clerk Hall did the holiday schedule for this year. The only change is she did not put Juneteenth on the schedule, she didn't feel it was a national holiday. Trustee Brown asked if any holiday was on the weekend because if so the office needs to be closed on either Friday or Monday. President Rogers answered this year they are all on a weekday.

Trustee Brown made a motion to accept the holiday schedule, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Simkins. All in favor, motion carried.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Visitor Jim Tucker commented that Michelle Adams has stepped down as president of the Floral Hall. Contacts are now Karen and he. He also asked if Ron could plow the parking area in front of Floral Hall. Years ago he told Ron he would do it but with the amount of snow and how heavy it is his tractor will not handle it. He'd still do the sidewalk. President Rogers answered she'd talk to Ron.

#### ADJOURNMENT

With no other public comment or other business President Rogers stated she would entertain a motion to adjourn.

Trustee Brown made a motion to adjourn, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Stevens. All in favor, motion carried.

The Village of North Henderson Trustee Meeting for January 11, 2024 adjourned at 6:55pm with the next meeting scheduled for Thursday February 8, 2024 at 6:30pm at the Floral Hall.

Melody Hall Village Clerk	Carol Rogers Village President	
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